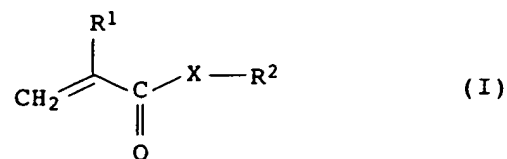


**CLAIMS IN THE CASE**

1. (previously presented) A cationic polymer obtained by free-radical copolymerization of components consisting of

(a) from 50 to 70% by weight of one or more monomers of the formula I

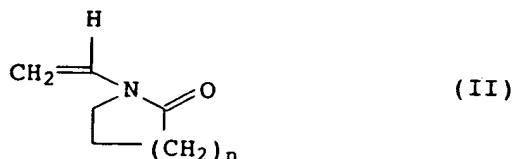


X = O, NR<sup>1</sup>

R<sup>1</sup> = H, C<sub>1</sub> = C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl

R<sub>2</sub> = tert--butyl,

(b) from 5 to 45% by weight of one or more monomers of formula II



where n = 1 to 3,

- (c) from 5 to 40% by weight of a monoethylenically unsaturated monomer having at least one amine-containing group where up to 40% by weight, based on (a), (b), and 9c), of the monomer (a) can be replaced by a monomer of the formula I where R<sup>2</sup> = C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>-alkyl.
2. (previously presented) A polymer as claimed in claim 1, obtained by free-radical copolymerization of

- (a) from 51 to 65% by weight of the monomer of the formula I,
  - (b) from 7 to 39% by weight of the monomer of the formula II,
  - (c) from 10 to 30% by weight of the amine-containing monomer.
3. (previously presented) A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the monomer (a) is tert-butyl acrylate, N-tert-butylacrylamide or tert-butyl methacrylate.
4. (previously presented) A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the monomer (b) is vinylpyrrolidone or vinylcaprolactam.
5. (previously presented) A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the monomer (c) is dimethylaminoalkyl (meth)acrylate or dimethylaminoalkyl (meth)acrylamide.
6. (previously presented) A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the monomers of the formula I where  $R_2 = C_2-C_{22}$ -alkyl are N-butylacrylamide, -octylacrylamide, lauryl (meth)acrylate or stearyl(meth)acrylate.

Claim 17-19 (canceled)